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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III

1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

SUBJECT:

AHERA Violation - Notice of Noncompliance

DATE: 4/14/99

The Owl Elementary School

Washington, D.C.

Case Number #A99-0001

FROM:

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Pesticides/Asbestos Programs & Enforcement Branch (3WC32)

TO:

Donald J. Lott, Chief

Pesticides/Asbestos Programs & Enforcement Branch (3WC32)

The Pesticides/Asbestos Programs & Enforcement Branch recommends that you sign the attached Notice of Noncompliance and return it to my office for service. The case involves violations of AHERA by Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington Inc., 2010 Linden Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910, at The Owl Elementary School, 6045 16th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20011.

A. Respondent

Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington Inc. is the Local Education Agency for The Owl Elementary School, a private school located in Washington, District of Columbia. The school has a total enrollment of approximately 193 students and employs approximately 30 persons.

B. Type of Action

The recommended action is an administrative proceeding for issuance of a Notice of Noncompliance for violations of AHERA.

C. Summary of the Case

On February 17, 1999, an inspection was conducted at The Owl Elementary School in response to a survey of all Washington D.C. schools. During the inspection, the inspector determined that the Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington Inc. had failed to provide documentation of a management plan for The Owl Elementary School. Because of this failure they did not perform many of the AHERA requirements such as reinspection every three years in a manner consistent with the regulations and provide notifications as required by regulation.

D. State or City Involvement

This is a federal action, states do not have enforcement authority for violations of AHERA.

E. Respondent's AHERA History

Respondent has no known past violations of AHERA.

F. EPA Policy Impact

This case is consistent with EPA Policy.

G. Public and Congressional Relations

No special public or congressional concern is expected in response to the action.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Margaret Harris, Principal Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington Inc. 2010 Linden Lane Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Notice of Noncompliance, Case No. #A99-0001 - The Owl Elementary School

Dear Ms. Harris:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") serves this Notice of Noncompliance ("NON") to you for violations at The Owl Elementary School located on 6045 16th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20011, of subchapter II of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act ("AHERA") of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2601 to 2692, as alleged below. Each violation is based on information collected by the U.S. EPA inspector during a February 17, 1999 inspection, indicating that the following AHERA violations existed at that time:

- Failure to ensure that workers and building occupants, or their legal guardians, are informed at least once each school year about inspections, response actions, and post-response activities, including periodic reinspection and surveillance activities that are planned or in progress, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 763.84(c);
- Failure to document a reinspection of the school facility every three years as required by the regulations, in violation of 40 C.F.R. §763.85(b);
- Failure to maintain in the LEA's or school's administrative office a complete, updated copy of the management plan for the school, in violation of 40 C.F.R. §763.93(g)(2);
- Failure to notify in writing parent, teacher, and employee organizations of the availability of the management plans in violation of 40 C.F.R. §763.93(g)(4).

The Interim Final Enforcement Response Policy for the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act ("AHERA ERP"), dated January 31, 1989 (enclosed), provides that Notices of Noncompliance ("NON") are to be issued to Local Educational Agencies for certain violations of AHERA and/or AHERA regulations.

The AHERA ERP provides that no penalties be assessed for the violations in the bulleted list. However, repeat violations of AHERA may be considered knowing and willful violations of TSCA, and therefore, may be subject to additional enforcement actions including civil and criminal penalties and injunctive relief.

If you have not already done so, you must immediately remedy these violations. If the violations are not corrected within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this NON, the AHERA ERP directs the EPA Region to pursue further action, including press releases, notification of the State Governor, injunctive relief, or criminal referral. Therefore, within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this NON, you must execute and return to Garry D. Sherman (3WC32), Regional Asbestos Coordinator, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, the certification set forth below:

I hereby certify that the Local Education Agency, Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington Inc., has corrected the violations cited in the Notice of Noncompliance and has complied with all other requirements of the "Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools" codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 763, Subpart E. I understand that the United States Environmental Protection Agency retains the right to reinspect Local Education Agencies and that the discovery of further violations may lead to additional enforcement action including possible imposition of civil penalties.

Principal		
Date		

In accordance with the AHERA ERP, I am forwarding a copy of this NON to the Governor's office. If you have any questions regarding this NON, your attorney, or you, if you are not represented by an attorney, may contact Mr. Sherman by telephone at (215) 814-5267.

Very truly yours,

Donald J. Lott, Chief

Pesticides/Asbestos Programs & Enforcement Branch

Enclosure

cc: Margaret Anne Khoury, Development Director
The Owl Elementary School
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REGION III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

December 3, 1999

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Stanley Seigel, Director of Development Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington Inc. 2010 Linden Lane Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Notice of Noncompliance, Case No. #A99-0001

Dear Mr. Seigel:

Thank you for your phone call on December 3, 1999 concerning the status of the building occupied by The Owl Elementary School on 6045 16th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20011. Pursuant to the information provided during your phone conversation with Ms. Townsend-McIntyre, Hewbrew Academy no longer owns the building occupied by The Owl Elementary School, and this building is now owned by The Owl Elementary School. As a result, we have come to the determination that the Notice of Noncompliance (NON) issued to the Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington, Inc. on June 30, 1999 was done so in error and has been withdrawn. The NON will be re-issued to the correct party. We apologize for the error and hope it has not caused you any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Lott, Chief

Pesticides Asbestos Programs & Enforcement Branch